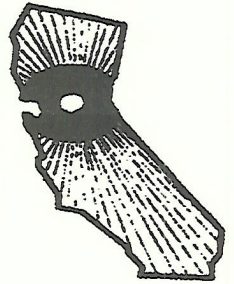


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## CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF THE BLIND



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Voting Systems Panel  
California Secretary of State  
Re- ES&S Voting Systems

Dear Voting System panelists,

The California Council of the Blind (CCB) supports the Help America Vote Act and the overall right of California voters who are blind and visually impaired to have a private, secure, verifiable and private vote.

Both HAVA and California law require election systems to be made accessible to voters with visual impairments.

As the Secretary of State herself has stated relative to the top-down study, there really was not enough time to conduct an all inclusive study which would satisfy everyone. We urge this panel to consider the overall time frames relative to the vendors including ES&S. They have met the changes asked for and the unmet changes are adequate to ensure voting accessibility and thus, protect the rights of California's voters with disabilities.

We urge certification of the ES&S systems for the next election.

Sincerely,

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